Good old days at the Cow Campus

by Judy Woodward

There's not much about St. Anthony Park that suggests the rural life. No narrow country lanes, no roosters crowing at the crack of dawn. Few of us get up with the cows or even know at what hour a normal bovine rises.

Our air smells of the usual urban mixture of auto fumes and fuel oil, with occasional high notes of fresh ground coffee and whatever is on the menu at Muffalatta that day. The only time some of us catch a whiff of the agricultural world is when we stay too close to the hog barns during the State Fair.

Yet St. Anthony Park is adjacent to one of the premier agricultural research facilities in the United States, and the history and agricultural research facilities in adjacent to one of the premier of the family farm. When it comes to writing the history of American agriculture, in other words, St. Anthony Park may figure just as prominently as the pitchfork and the pigpen.

Willy Hays came to the university in 1888, the first person hired under the brand new Hatch Act of 1887, which authorized the creation of agricultural research stations for improving farm products.

Years before the principles of Mendelian genetics were introduced into the United States, Hays began an ambitious program of selective breeding for improved crop yields.

According to independent scholar Harlan Stoehr of Roseville, Hays was a “driven man” who chose a young graduate of the university’s newly minted two-year agricultural program to become the foreman of the on-campus farm.

“Hays and Andy Boss became an entrepreneurial pair,” says Stoehr. The two roamed the Minnesota landscape looking for exceptional seed sources.

According to Stoehr, many of their adventures began with Hays ordering Boss to “hitch up the wagon” for another expedition out to a farm where they’d heard of some innovative product. Their trip to Wendelin Grimm’s Carver County farm was typical. At that time, most alfalfa didn’t last through the harsh Minnesota winter, but, as Stoehr explains, “Hays had heard that Grimm — a German immigrant — could overwinter alfalfa.”

The two men set out to investigate, and what they found revolutionized alfalfa production. “For 40 years or so, Grimm alfalfa became standard for winter harvest,” says Stoehr.

Not only that, but Hays and his wife, Clara Shepperd Hays, were ahead of their time by about a century or so. They may, in fact, have been the first power couples in the history of the U. Clara, who had earned an M.S. in the then revolutionary new field of home economics, was the first female faculty member on the St. Paul campus.

Although Clara died young in 1888 to work on selective breeding of alfalfa and other farm crops.

I’ve got to have more power

by Dave Healy

What do you do when somebody pulls the plug on your whole operation?

For Rock-Tenn, a paper recycling company at 2250 Wabash Ave., that question has achieved special urgency of late. The “somebody” is the Minnesota Legislature, and their decision to close Excel Energy’s coal-burning High Bridge power plant in 2007 means Rock-Tenn will have to find a new power source.

Currently, Rock-Tenn powers its recycling operation with steam that is generated at the High Bridge plant and piped 5.5 miles to its facility. In late 2007, the High Bridge plant will be converted to natural gas and will no longer produce steam, leaving Rock-Tenn to come up with a new power source.

To start with, the company plans to burn fuel oil and natural gas, according to Rock-Tenn’s Jack Greenfieldz.

“We have the on-site equipment to burn those fuels, and we have the necessary state and federal permits to do so,” he said.

But Rock-Tenn is exploring other long-term fuel options, Greenfieldz added, including biomass.

“Biomass would require higher startup costs than other fuels but would be more sustainable in the long run,” he said. He estimated that building a new biomass burner would cost about $100 million.

Potential sources of biomass fuel include trees, agricultural crops and by-products, wood waste and municipal solid waste, often called refuse-derived fuel (RDF).

That puts her in good company. According to list moderator Sherri Eagles, many subscribers join because of an issue that interests them, then stick around and find themselves exchanging recommendations for roofsers or learning about environmental issues that might affect the neighborhood.

“A recent request for snow shoveling help, for example, yielded a few suggestions and eventually a 13-year-old willing to take on the task,” says Eagles, who generally only checks the first few messages from any new user, then leaves further posts unmoderated once he’s convinced the subscriber is interested in St. Anthony Park and not just “spamming,” or using the list for unwanted purposes.

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Eagles, a former Community Council representative, now serves on the Land Use Committee and moderates the list as a volunteer.

List traffic is usually light, E-mail list serves up opportunities, arguments

by Anne Holzmann

Alice Duggan's son Peter is getting married in February, and some out-of-town friends and relatives will be visiting, some of them former residents of the St. Anthony Park neighborhood where Duggan lives.

She could have called friends and asked them point-blank for hospitality, but instead, Duggan posted an inquiry on a neighborhood Yahoo e-mail discussion group called SAPark.

“It’s a way of putting it on a bulletin board that a lot of people would read,” Duggan said.

About 260 of them, if she’d posed the message any other way, she said, would have replied. That’s how many subscribers have signed up since the list was launched in October 2001.

And unlike the kiosk at Carter and Como, Duggan pointed out, people are likely to browse through their e-mail in cold weather.

Duggan joined the list when she became concerned about Park Midway Bank’s plan to demolish in building at Como and Donwell and put up a new one. “After I got on it, I realized there were a variety of ways people were using it,” she said.

The goal is just to get people more involved in what’s going on in the neighborhood.”

— Amy Sparks, executive director

District 12 Community Council

St. Anthony recreation center.

The Subway plan generated the most traffic on the list so far, as well as some of the more vitriolic remarks.

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Como Park

On January 16, at 7 p.m., Michael Hahn, director of Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, and Jackie Sieh, director of the Como Zoo and Conservatory Society, will make a presentation to the District 10 Council board and community on plans for the zoo/conservatory and the Como Town area of the park. The session will include an opportunity for questions.

Falcon Heights

The City Council has approved the creation of a community garden site at Community Park. Plans will be available for citizens to rent. The first meeting of the Community Garden Steering Committee will be on January 8 at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Tim Pittman has been hired as the new Parks and Public Works director. His last position was public works supervisor for the city of Minnus View.

Lauderdale

The City Council has updated the animal control ordinance. Included in the new ordinance are the following stipulations: (a) animals must be confined to owner's property by fencing, leash or absolute voice command; (b) residents are limited to two similar domestic animals over six months of age; (c) animals are required to wear license tags at all times; (d) owners are responsible for cleaning up any feces dropped by their pets.

Reconstruction has begun on the tennis courts and the basketball court. The work is on hold for the winter but will be completed by the end of June.

A new session of training for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will begin on January 11. This training will teach citizens what to do in the event of a disaster. Any resident of Lauderdale or Falcon Heights over the age of 12 may register by contacting the Falcon Heights City Hall (792-7600) by January 5. The cost for 24 hours of training is $25.

Those who complete the training will receive safety equipment and supplies. The training will be held on Thursday evenings January 11 through March 1. For more information contact Kris Grangard, 647-4419.

The first Citizens Police Academy graduated a group of citizens this fall. Lauderdale graduates were Denise Hawkins, Lara MacLean and John MacLean. The 13 other graduates were from St. Anthony and Falcon Heights. There will be a second Academy in March and April 2007.

The eight-week course offers community members an awareness of what being a police officer involves. The next class will be open to 20 participants, who must be 21 years of age. Applicants must live or work in Lauderdale, Falcon Heights or St. Anthony. They must submit to a background investigation and sign a waiver.

For more information, contact Sergeant Jon Mangseth or Officer Tessa Sunde at 612-782-3550.

The new owners of the BP station at Larpenteur and Eustis, plan changes to the site: discontinuing auto repair, building a full convenience store and adding a new car wash.

The southeast section of Larpenteur and Eustis, the current location of New Mech, will eventually show some changes also. New Mech plans to relocate in the next few years, making the site available. The City Council will encourage property owners to use a coordinated approach to development along Larpenteur Avenue and the Larpenteur-Eustis quadrant.

St. Anthony Park

In light of the recent controversy regarding the WESCO elections, the Community Council has decided to form an internal committee to review the bylaws. Before any changes are made, the public will have a chance to review them.

A task force formed to address traffic calming possibilities on Raymond Avenue presented a request for CIB funding. The council supports the request. CIB (Capital Improvement Budget) funding is granted by the city of St. Paul to projects that are approved by the City Council.

The Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA), District 12’s near neighbor in Minneapolis, is seeking District 12 support to persuade Greatbatch Globe Tool and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to engage the public in their current permitting process.

Globe Tool is able to acquire an air permit without a public comment period. Justin Ehrenfeld, environmental coordinator of SECIA, said that according to state toxic release inventory data, Globe Tool is responsible for approximately 15 percent of the local trichloroethylene (TCE) air emissions and is one of the largest regional emitters for that pollutant. Breathing small amounts of TCE may cause headaches, dizziness and difficulty concentrating, among other symptoms.

The District 12 Council resolved to write to the MPCA and request that District 12 be kept informed about local facilities requiring permits, their status, renewal dates and monitoring information. The letter mentions the council’s concerns about Globe Tool.

Citizens are encouraged to write the MPCA and request a public comment opportunity or discussion about the issue of TCE emissions at Globe Tool.

—Susan Conner

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For most people, receiving an invitation to a special event prompts an immediate question: What should I wear?

For Como Park resident Stephanie Colgan, that question acquired special resonance recently when she received an invitation to the annual spring collection runway shows at fashion week in Paris. But because Colgan would be attending as a photographer, her own attire wasn’t as important as that of the people she’d be shooting.

“Photographers are pretty practical,” she said. “You want to be hip, but not too fancy.”

In October, Colgan spent six days in Paris. The main impetus for the trip was an invitation from the German designer Wolfgang Joop, whose Wunderkind collection was showing in Paris for the first time.

“The only way for a photographer to get into the Paris fashion shows is with an invitation from a designer,” said Colgan. “Last February I shot several runway shows at New York’s fashion week, which led to an opportunity to shoot fashion week in Paris this fall.”

Although Colgan, who’s been a professional photographer for five years, has done a variety of fashion photography, she doesn’t see herself primarily through that lens.

“I don’t necessarily aspire to be a fashion photographer,” she said. “Documenting the spectacle of the shows is interesting to me, so I guess I’d describe myself more as a documentary photographer.”

Indeed, while she was in Paris, Colgan took the opportunity to document a variety of scenes and people around the city.

“The fashion shows were a good reason to go to France,” she said, “and I wouldn’t have gone without that invitation. But there was so much more to photograph there besides fashion.”

As a freelancer, Colgan is obliged to be a generalist. Besides fashion — she has photographed “Sashion Flow” at the Soo Visual Arts Center in Uptown, and she shot the Rake’s recent fall fashion issue — she does portraits and weddings, and also works as a stringer for the Pioneer Press. Samples of her work can be seen at www.colganphotography.com.

The common ingredient in all her work is a strong sense of narrative.

“Whenever possible,” she said, “I like to illustrate a story or point in pieces. I don’t necessarily aim for one photograph that will tell it all. My work is more illustrative than literal. I like a group of photographs that collectively tell a story.”

Colgan’s photography has to be squeezed in around parenting. She and her husband, Eric, have two children: Milo, 2, and Jasper, 7.

Having a mother who’s a photographer pretty much guarantees that the kids will have their own camera. Milo and Jasper have a Fisher Price camera that they both use often — with or without film.

“It takes pretty cool pictures,” said Jasper’s mom. “Every so often I borrow it from them.”
Recycling, most of us agree, is a good thing. If some of the products we use and the packaging they come in can be put to another use when we’re done with them, who’s to argue with that? Most of us are reading these words on newsprint. The Bugle’s printer, American Color Co., uses 60 percent recycled fiber in its newspaper. And when you’re done with this month’s Bugle, you can recycle it again, extending the paper’s life for another go-around.

If you download and pay for anything online this holiday season, chances are your merchandise came in a corrugated cardboard box. Recycling paper products reduces the need for virgin wood pulp and slows the drain on the world’s forests. But recycling paper requires energy and produces some waste.

One example, Rock-Tenn, which straddles the Midway, Merriam Park and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods, needs steam to run its cardboard recycling operation. Creating steam means burning fuel. Right now Rock-Tenn’s steam comes, via a 5.5-mile tunnel, from Excel Energy’s High Bridge power plant, which burns coal.

I did my Christmas shopping in the neighborhood this year, and I started on December 7th at the Home for the Holidays event. What a wonderful evening! If you didn’t make it, go next year. Homemade cookies, carolers and musicians, visiting with the shopkeepers and meeting neighbor after neighbor was really special. It was, well, neighborly! The afterglow of such a pleasant shopping experience was reignited a week later when I received a gift card for $50 in the mail. Evidently I won the raffle, thanks to my daughter filling out a ticket for me at Micawber’s. So a double thank-you to the merchants and to Jon Schumacher, the Community Foundation and all the others who made the Home for the Holidays Event such a special occasion. Now, I’m off to spend that $50 — in the neighborhood.

Progressive Dinner

For more information or to be added to the mailing list, contact Karen Kirker (645-7706) or Fariba Sanikhah (fpinn@mcg.net).

Thanks Lauderdale residents

On November 19, Peace Lutheran Church of Lauderdale conducted a door-to-door food drive for local food shelves. We collected over 800 pounds of food. The church conducts several door-to-door food drives annually. We appreciate the community’s help.

Karen Kirker

Falcon Heights
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St. Anthony Park

LETTERS

KEEPPING IT LOCAL

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CHRIS MYERS
St. Anthony Park
Fans of the Saint Paul Vocal Forum — and of humor in choral music — are in for a treat when the group presents “A Funny Thing Happened at the Forum, a Choral Forum on Humor.”

The program is on Saturday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (2323 Como Ave.) and also on Sunday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m., at First Lutheran Church (1555 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights).

About the blend of comical and novelty pieces, director David Ryan Moberg said, “Some are funny in an academic way, some have a funny story to tell, some are novel in a fun way and a couple are just plain goofy.”

Moberg is especially looking forward to “The Seasonings,” by P.D.Q. Bach (Peter Schickele), which is accompanied by a 21-piece orchestra as well as by such “authentic” period instruments as the wind breaker, shower hose, trombone (sic), fog horn, slide whistles and two kazoos.

There is also a song called “El Hambo,” made up entirely of nonsense syllables, by Finnish composer Jaakko Mäntyjärvi, which is a spoof on a Swedish dance. The musical style is a blend of Scandinavian folk song with jazz and polytonality.

Children will recognize the style of “I Bought Me a Cat,” by Aaron Copeland. It’s a “cumulative” song like “The Twelve Days of Christmas” or “I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.”

The guest moderator for the evening will be Gottlieb Ramuchot, professor of the Droll Arts at the University of Krankenspiel (aka Jon Schumacher), presenting his theories about how humor affects us and how we use humor in various social situations. The choir will demonstrate his theories with musical examples.

When asked if people will laugh, Moberg answers, with tongue firmly in cheek, “No! This is a serious exposé on the socio-psychological effects of humor. Those who laugh will be ushered out.”

There is no charge for the concert, but an offering will be taken at the door and donors will be entered in a drawing for a stained-glass piece by John Hanson.
Good old days from 1
childhood, it was fitting perhaps that when Willet Hays returned to the university after several years doing research in North Dakota, he lived in an on-campus farmhouse on the site of what is now the Home Economics building.

As for Andy Boss, the young farm foreman, his name is not exactly unknown in the last history of St. Anthony Park. He succeeded Hays as administrative head of the agricultural research stations, became an influential local businessman, and established a family that continues to play a prominent role in a neighborhood affair.

Aside from Boss, one of Hays’ best-known successors was Elvin Stakman, the first graduate student on the St. Paul campus. Stakman earned three degrees from the U of M and eventually served as a professor there from 1913 until his retirement in 1953. For most of that time, he lived at 1411 Hythe.

For example, Stakman went to some fairly unorthodox lengths to test his theories about the transmission of the spots that caused the devastating crop disease called stem rust. Known as “the Red Terror,” stem rust could devastate a wheat harvest, and it caused untold economic hardship for Midwestern farmers.

Stakman hypothesized that the rust was caused by airborne spores and it was found up to two miles away. Stakman’s work provided the foundation for eradicating stem rust, but his best-known contribution was in the famous cheese caves of Roquefort. Why not attempt an American version of the world-renowned blue cheese?

“Minnesota Blue” was the result, and, a few years later when World War II cut off the supply from France, the demand for the Minnesota version soared, allowing St. Paul to bill itself briefly as “the Blue Cheese Capital of the World.”

In the early years after the founding of the St. Paul campus, almost all faculty lived within walking distance of the university. That changed in later decades, but even in modern times, many of the leading lights of agricultural research continue to reside here.

For example, when St. Anthony Park resident Benjamin Pomeroy died in early 2004, the obituaries referred to him as “Mr. Turkey” in recognition of his distinguished career in poultry research.

Pomeroy, a retired professor of veterinary medicine, had contributed to the defeat of so many avian diseases in his 92 years that he single-handedly transformed the turkey industry into a commercially viable operation.

Pomeroy may have been among the most recent of the neighborhood’s agricultural luminaries, but he certainly wasn’t the last. Research continues.

Wherever there’s a foodstuff to be improved, there’s probably a local researcher on the case. From meat, milk and grains to exotic fruits and rare baby vegetables, there’s probably someone in St. Anthony Park hard at work on making them better.

Think about it next time you sit down to dinner. What you find on your plate may well be the last. Research continues.
It's hard to think about rain in Minnesota in January. But even though the precipitation we're dealing with now is of a decidedly different consistency, we know that come spring the ice and snow will melt and we'll once again be treated to rainstorms.

In anticipation of that certainty, the people developing the Linnea Gardens condominiums in St. Anthony Park have incorporated several rain gardens into the project's landscaping. Recently, Linnea Gardens received a grant from the Capitol Region Watershed District to assist with those plans.

In the city, most rainwater falls on impervious surfaces and ends up flowing into storm sewers and then, in St. Paul’s case, into the Mississippi River. Along the way it picks up pollutants and nutrients that degrade the river’s water quality. Indeed, up to 70 percent of pollution in streams, rivers and lakes comes from storm runoff.

To lessen that effect, landscape architects and engineers have come up with a variety of ways to increase the amount of rainwater that is infiltrated into the ground and decrease the amount going into the storm sewers. One such device is the rain garden.

Rain gardens are depressions that function as miniature wetlands. They are designed to absorb storm runoff from a nearby impervious surface before it enters a body of water. Rain gardens are planted with species that can withstand periods of extreme moisture.

The Linnea Gardens plan includes four rain gardens on the perimeter of the development — three on Como Avenue and one on Gibbs Avenue. According to Stephen Mastey, landscape architect for the project, the rain gardens will improve water quality by reducing the amount of storm runoff from the site and by filtering rainwater that eventually ends up in the stormwater system.

While some rain gardens contain a mix of plants, the ones planned for Linnea Gardens will consist exclusively of red-twig dogwood, which Mastey described as an attractive, low-maintenance species.

The Linnea Gardens project will be assisted by a $6750 grant from the CRWD, whose headquarters are at 1410 Energy Park Dr. The CRWD provides grants to individuals, businesses, nonprofits and schools for projects that protect, manage and improve water resources.

In 2003, residents of 1666 Coffman, a condominium complex in Falcon Heights owned by the University of Minnesota, received a grant from the CRWD for a rain garden that residents installed behind the building. In 2005 and 2006, the CRWD constructed infiltration trenches and rain gardens as part of the Arlington-Pascal Street Vitality Program in the Como Park neighborhood.

Mastey is involved in another CRWD grant application. His office at 856 Raymond Ave. is in an office condominium that wants to replace part of the asphalt in a parking lot behind the building with a rain garden.

“I would encourage other businesses, organizations and individuals to think about what they can do to improve our water quality,” Mastey said. “And the Capitol Region Watershed District is a great resource, providing information and grants to assist with a variety of projects.”

For more information about CRWD, call 644-8888 or visit www.capitolregionwd.org.
Scott Brownlee, CRS
North St. Anthony Park.
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In response to that incident, Rock-Tenn signed a “good neighborhood agreement” in October 2004 with three neighborhood organizations: the Southeast Como Improvement Association, the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association and the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

The agreement commits Rock-Tenn to updating the surrounding neighborhoods regarding its current and planned operations.

As evidence of its efforts to be a good neighbor, Rock-Tenn participated in November 14 public meeting hosted by the St. Anthony Park Community Council. At the meeting, a panel of representatives from Rock-Tenn, the St. Paul Port Authority, the MPCA, Ramsey County and the city of St. Paul responded to questions. Lorrie Louder of the Port Authority said Rock-Tenn is a major employer whose good-paying jobs are an asset to the city. She said the Port Authority is committed to helping Rock-Tenn find supplemental funding for a biomass-burning power plant. Asked if a biomass plant would be linked to a larger grid, potentially providing power to the surrounding neighborhood, Haselmann said Rock-Tenn expects to use all the power they generate.

Greenshields noted that Rock-Tenn has recently begun working with District Energy St. Paul to plan for the company’s energy needs. District Energy uses biomass to help supply heating and cooling for 80 percent of downtown St. Paul buildings.

Anders Rydaker, president of District Energy, said their power-generating facility, which is comparable in size to what Rock-Tenn would build, requires about 50 truck deliveries a day to keep it supplied with fuel.

A new power plant would not necessarily be located on Rock-Tenn’s property but would be sited nearby. Unless and until Rock-Tenn decides to use a new power plant, its on-site burner is subject to a permit currently under review by the MPCA.

The MPCA has proposed amendments to that permit, which is scheduled to be renewed in 2008. The MPCA presented a summary of those amendments at a December 7 public meeting held at the Hamline Library. According to Toni Volkmeier, an MPCA permit engineer, Rock-Tenn’s current permit allows them to burn fuel oil or natural gas at all four of their on-site boilers. Until now, these burners have been used only to a limited extent. The amendment would change the fuel oil burners to natural gas.

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The phone rang on a Friday afternoon. "Is this the Birdman?" a woman asked. When I told her that yes, I was indeed the Birdman of Lauderdale, she told me that her husband was standing guard over a bittern down at the St. Anthony Park Community Garden. It seemed to be sick or injured, the reason, because it didn’t try to fly.

She and her husband were about to leave town for the weekend and wanted to find someone who could get the bird to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Now this was an offer I couldn’t refuse. Within minutes, I had grabbed our dog carrier and several towels. I tossed them into the car and quietly headed out.

The American bittern is a beautiful but very shy denizen of marshes and wetlands. It’s about two feet tall, with a dark back and a light brown streaked neck and front. It “freezes” when frightened, extending its neck and head straight up so it blends in with the surrounding cattails and reeds. If the reeds are moving in the wind, the bittern will even sway in rhythm to further conceal itself.

When I reached the gardens, just west of Raymond Avenue and south of the railroad tracks at parallel Energy Park Drive, I unloaded my gear and walked up to a fellow standing alone at the garden gate. He identified himself as Sherman Eagles.

Sherm had been in his family’s garden plot and noticed some movement in the adjoining plot. It seemed to be the bittern he and his wife had seen earlier in the week, in the prairie grasses next to the garden plots and a little farther to the west. Today, the bittern had been lying down under some raspberry canes, until Sherm approached. Then, it sat up. Sherm had backed up, called his wife and waited for me.

We gingerly retraced Sherm’s steps to his plot, looking through it and the plot next to it, but there was no sign of the bittern. It seemed to have escaped.

We searched the whole garden area with no success. I told Sherm I’d try to come back over the weekend to look again.

There were quite a few abandoned, unripened tomatoes and squash, so I theorized that the bird could find something to eat if it stayed in the garden.

And the November weather was moderating somewhat, low in the 30s, high up to the 40s, so it should be all right for a day or two.

On Saturday afternoon, my wife, June, and I renewed the search for the injured bird. We started at the prairie restoration area and headed to the east, walking through the prairie, then continued along the railroad tracks, scanning the tall weeds, until we came to the garden area, and climbed in over the back fence.

I retrieved the car from down the block while June started looking through the garden plots. As I parked near the gardens, Jean stood in a corner plot waving her arms above her head; she had found the bittern.

I retrieved the dog carrier, the towels and my protective goggles from the back of the car, and put on my leather gloves. I stepped quietly along the plots until I got near to where Jean was standing with a big smile on her face.

There, scrutinized against the plot’s low fence, was a soccer-ball-sized lump of brown feathers. "Has it moved? Is it alive?" I mouthed toward her.

"Yes," she mouthed back. I crept toward the bird. It turned its head to face me but made no other move. The view I had of that face was very impressive — a bayonet of a bill with small eyes protruding on either side. It meant business! I didn’t see any obvious injury.

When I got within three or four feet, I lunged forward and snatched the bird’s body with the towel. It made a loud, low-pitched, open-beaked, groaning hiss as I wrapped it up and headed toward the dog carrier.

Jean opened the carrier door, and as I began to put the bird into it, its head popped out from under the towel and it made a stabbing pass at my face.

Egrets, herons and bitterns are infamous for going for the eyes of people who handle them. I was glad I had remembered to wear the goggles.

When we arrived at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center on Dale Street, a volunteer took the carrier to the back room and transferred the bittern to another cage.

When she returned, she remarked that it seemed very angry. That suggested it hadn’t been eating well for awhile. It was probably dehydrated, too. She said the bittern also took a swipe at her face. "That’s a good sign," she said.

The center runs on donations. We’ve been there several times and always leave a contribution to help defray their costs. As I was writing out my check, I wryly asked how much a week of the bittern’s room and board would cost.

She laughed and looked up the cost per week. This was an expensive menu. They are fed fish, mice and insects. I abandoned my frivous offer to cover a week of care and left a more modest amount.

So, I had been totally wrong about humaneness (swinging hones); the ends of the bone were exposed, necrotic (dead) and contaminated with soil.

You can picture the injury by imagining the way a hollow chicken bone breaks, with lots of splinter, jagged ends.

Dr. Karen Shenoy told me that there was no way to repair the fracture that would leave the bird pain-free, let alone able to fly again. Euthanasia was the kindest option.

Dr. Shenoy said there was no indication of impact with an automobile, no head injury. We hypothesized that the bittern may have hit a wire during its nocturnal migration flight. So little is known about bitterns, but biologists believe they migrate singly at night.

By the time someone finds an injured creature and gets it in for treatment, it’s usually in bad shape. It’s been spending its time avoiding predators, trying to stay hidden and probably not eating very well,

My friend Val Cunningham volunteered at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for a number of years. She says their philosophy is that a sick or injured critter that comes to the center is released one way or the other; either released back to the wild or, if it can’t be rehabilitated, released from its pain. That’s some solace.
comprising a few announcements each week from the St. Anthony Park (District 12) Community Council and other entities, with the occasional discussion sparking several messages per day. “It really hasn’t been people posting their opinions, other than around a specific issue,” Eagles said, contrasting it with other lists on which a few subscribers seem to regularly exceed official limits of perhaps two posts per day, venting their ire and filling up in-boxes. Eagles emphasized that the list is informal. Although the District Council uses it frequently to announce meetings, and the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and others use it for announcements as well, the list is unofficial, which allows Eagles to use his judgment in moderating it rather than hashing out rules and getting into policy debates. “If you don’t like it, start your own list,” he said with a chuckle.

Besides those who join in order to weigh in on an issue, Eagles said, quite a few subscribers seem to come from outside the neighborhood and are looking for information. Some are planning a move to the area and looking for, say, a preschool, or a home to rent; others lived here years ago and use the list to help them keep in touch. Many seem to find their way via a link from the St. Anthony Park Community Council Web site (www.sapark.org), Eagles said. And the council uses the list to announce meetings, invite participation on committees and just generally “let neighbors know what’s going on,” said Amy Sparks, executive director of the council and another of the list’s administrators.

While council staff have been careful not to let the list replace other modes of communication, Sparks said, it’s sometimes the fastest way to reach a wide audience. For example, if a property owner requests a zoning variance, the council notifies nearby owners requests a zoning variance, the council notifies nearby neighbors in writing as required by law. But the staff can also post the notice on SAPark and reach many more potentially interested parties within the short response time allowed. Then again, there are about 6,000 people living in St. Anthony Park, of whom the list reaches only a small percentage.

“We can’t rely on it totally,” Sparks said. But the council does work at recruiting subscribers, signing them up at meetings and advertising the list in its newsletter.

“The goal is just to get people more involved in what’s going on in the neighborhood,” Sparks said, “and the list is one way to do that.”

Another organization making frequent use of the list is the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, which recently used SAPark to promote the December 7 “Shop & Save for the Holidays” event in support of neighborhood retailers. Executive Director Jon Schumacher chimes in regularly, both to answer questions and to help fulfill the foundation’s mission, which he described as “to identify the institutions that are important to the neighborhood and make sure they stick around.” He said the foundation has recently redesigned its own Web site, keeping the listserver in mind. “We didn’t feel the need to be as much a source of information and interaction” because of SAPark and other Internet tools, he said. And even though the list reaches a limited number of people, he said, that’s really nothing new when it comes to neighborhood organizing. “You can publicize things in the Bugle,” he said, “you can send letters or drop flyers at homes, and it’s absolutely astounding how if you use all of these, someone will still say, ‘I didn’t hear about that.’” Among all those modes of communication, he said, the list is “unique in its ability to get immediate answers.”

Schumacher also noted the depth of discussion that can go on before a meeting is scheduled, as in the case of the Subway proposal, when the e-mail discussion “set the stage for the live public meeting that happened through the council.”

Schumacher said the foundation has begun drawing interested neighbors to draft a new small area plan and hopes the list will help involve more people in discussions about the future of their neighborhood.

As of mid-December, Alice Duggan hadn’t quite found space for all her son’s wedding guests, but she was making progress, thanks in part to the list. And the list lets her avoid cornering people who might be embarrassed to say no. “This doesn’t put anyone on the spot,” Duggan said.

To subscribe to the discussion list, go to groups.yahoo.com and search for SAPark, or enter your e-mail address in the sign-up box at the bottom of the home page of the St. Anthony Park Community Council: www.sapark.org.
Fundraiser
St. Anthony Park resident Arlene West and her family have hosted a young man from Malawi, Thomas Nyirongo, for four years while he attended college. Thomas will attend medical school in South Africa, and West's church, Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul, is raising money to help with his medical school costs, estimated to be $8,000 a year.

An anonymous donor has agreed to match the first $10,000 in contributions. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to:
Unity Church-Unitarian
732 Holly Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104

Music Conference
Luther Seminary will host the Gerhardt Music Conference on February 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Olson Campus Center at Fulham and Hendon.

The event will include lectures and workshops exploring the work of Paul Gerhardt and Johann Crüger. The day will conclude with a prayer service led by the National Lutheran Choir.
Cost is $60 for registrations received by January 26 and $75 after that date. Register with Kris Rongstad (523-1612, krongsta@luthersem.edu). For more information about the conference, visit www.luthersem.edu/gerhardt.

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Greetings, No Bones readers! I’ve recently concluded another wonderful semester of teaching my favorite topic to a group of undergraduate students at Macalester College.

Now I have time to take a breath and reflect on those things that seemed to be most interesting and surprising to my students.

One of the hot topics I cover in my class is the difference between dinosaurs and things people think are dinosaurs. This second category of extinct creatures includes swimming and flying reptiles (and usually wooly mammoths, too).

Through most of us think of all big, extinct, scaly-skinned creatures as dinosaurs, this is simply not the case.

At this very moment, the regular news media (from ABC News to the Montreal Gazette) are making just that mistake between dinosaurs and things people think are dinosaurs. This second category of extinct creatures includes swimming and flying reptiles (and usually wooly mammoths, too).

The headlines blare, “Dinosaur skeleton found in Antarctica” or “Baby dinosaur skeleton surfaces in Antarctica,” but the reporters covering the story don’t quite have it right (though the find is exciting).

The new find is not of a dinosaur, but rather a “baby” plesiosaur — a long-necked swimming reptile that served as the model for Nessie the Loch Ness Monster. The fossil consists of a wonderfully preserved, nearly complete skeleton of a plesiosaur that swam the seas around Antarctica nearly 70 million years ago.

The animal has an incredibly long neck and four flippers (rather than legs), but is less than five feet long from head to tail. The fossils were recovered from Vega Island, a rocky, barren landscape and one of the small islands close to the southern tip of South America.

Today, howling winds, cold temperatures and isolation make Vega Island a pretty inhospitable place to do anything, including hunting for dinosaurs. But my colleagues Judd Case and Jim Martin braved the landscape to find evidence of dinosaurs and their contemporaries (like crocodiles, giant amphibians and plesiosaurs) in ancient Antarctica.

Plesiosaurs aren’t dinosaurs, and are not even very closely related to dinosaurs. They are particularly cool because they represent one of the very first experiments in “back to the water” evolution that we see expressed now in animals as diverse as whales, penguins and snakes. Plesiosaurs and their ancient relatives tried it out first, and just like the modern marine mammals and birds, plesiosaurs breathed air and may have even spent some time on land.

As for dinosaurs, you might recall from previous columns that dinosaurs have been found in Antarctica as well as in southern Australia (which was in the Antarctic polar circle back in the dinosaur hey-day), and on the North Slope of Alaska — all places where dinosaurs might have faced the long polar winter, including periodic snow, dramatic seasonal changes in temperature, and 24-hour periods of darkness and daylight.

Some of these dinosaurs might have even been able to weather a bitterly cold Minnesota winter. Until next time, happy New Year!
Creative sparks will fly as the New Year begins at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. January 2007 marks the eighth annual art residency program, when poet and visual artist Marie Olofsdotter will spend a week working with fifth- and sixth-grade students. Olofsdotter uses Scandinavian myths and folklore to guide students in their writing and art.

The art residency program is paid for through a grant from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, and an annual contribution from the school’s parent-teacher organization, SAPSA. Members of the SAPSA Arts Committee write the grants. Fourth-grade teacher Nancy Hauman coordinates the program.

Other artists who will visit the school this year include Larry Yazzie, a Native American fancy dancer, photographer Ury Alleno, cartoonist Dianne Barnhart and poet John Minczeski.

Third graders are pouring creative energies into a musical that will be performed on January 12, at 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. “Aesop’s Adventures” will feature the music and dance talents of Ms. Mayer’s and Mrs. Maguire’s third-grade students and colorful scenery they created in the art room with the help of art teacher Courtney Oleen.

St. Anthony Park Elementary School is located at 2180 Knapp Street. For more information, call the school at 293-8735 or visit www.ramshony.pps.org.

Holy Childhood School will have its annual kindergarten roundup and open house for prospective students on Tuesday, January 30, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Murray Junior High School’s annual Science Fair judging is coming up on January 16, 6 to 9 p.m., in the school gymnasium. The next evening, January 17, is the Science Fair Open House and project viewing, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Murray hosts parent conferences January 30, 3:30–6:30 p.m., and February 1, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Thirty-five Como Park High School choir students sang at Carnegie Hall and toured New York City in November. The choir and four chaperones, including principal Dan Meisic and choir director Carol Whitney, left the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport early on November 17. They landed in New York that morning and set off on a whirlwind tour of the city. They visited Liberty Island and Ellis Island that day and saw Times Square and the Broadway musical “The Lion King” that night.

Planning for the trip began almost a year ago, when the choir was invited to participate in a performance of Wisconsin composer Dr. Patrick Liebergen’s works and arrangements at historic Carnegie Hall on November 20.

The Como Park students began rehearsing with four other choirs from Minnesota and Wisconsin on November 18. Each day they spent four hours rehearsing Dr. Liebergen’s music in a ballroom at their hotel.

The trip culminated Monday, November 20, when the group joined about 150 other singers and the New England Symphonic Ensemble to perform Liebergen’s “Light in the Darkness” and “Christmas Choir Celebration.”

Spanish classes at Como are putting on a style show, learning about the music of the Spanish-speaking world, exploring the world of the Maya (past and present), talking about their childhoods and describing murals, all in Spanish.

Students are also fundraising for a field trip to Costa Rica in June: Brianne O’Leary, Cameron Haskell, Amanda Bleed, Lauren Haefemeier, Hannah Worku, Renee Dorman, Sara Gutierrez, Meredith Pearson, Charlie Lobe, Aaron Avendano, Jennifer Duchschere, and Spanish teachers Kathy Herrema-Johnson and Almi Halls.

All will stay with Spanish-speaking families for a week in a San José suburb and take day trips to the tropical rainforests, volcanoes, coffee plantations and hot springs.

Como Park’s MJROTC drill team performed their routine at the ninth annual Devil Dog Classic. Drill placed first, Color Guard second, Physical Training first and Inspection third. Overall, Como’s team placed second.

The Minnesota Department of Education released the yearly report on school performance on November 15. In this report, CPSHS was ranked as making adequate yearly progress (AYP). CPSHS is the only high school in the St. Paul School District to achieve this ranking. AYP status is determined by the Minnesota Department of Education based on performance on standardized tests.

Student performance is broken into subgroups based on a variety of factors. In order to make AYP, all subgroups must meet a certain level of performance or must significantly improve their performance compared to the previous year.

AYP’s making AYP ranking is a tribute to the hard work of the students, staff, families and community.
Aging Gracefully by Mary Jo Tarasar

At this time of year, many of us have created lists of New Year’s resolutions, intended to help us improve ourselves. Why is this? Why do we try to coerce ourselves to be good to ourselves? Why don’t we always do what is best for ourselves as a matter of course?

Let’s answer that question with another question: Which of the critical problems facing this planet was not made by humans? I’m still waiting for an answer to that one.

Global climate change; pollution of the water, air and soil; wars and other armed conflicts — it’s surprising the other species we share this planet with don’t get together and evict us. In their natural environments, few species are self-destructive and even fewer destroy the habitats of others.

The bottom line? The human race is not aging too gracefully as a species. We’re not cleaning up the messes we make, much less analyzing and changing the flaws in the infrastructure that props up our unhealthy choices.

We’re still trying to resolve international conflict through violence, although we have created weapons that could easily destroy this planet and everything on it. Our daily lifestyle is based on a use of resources that is destroying the habitats of millions of creatures, ourselves included.

What is the point of all this? How about making the kind of New Year’s resolution that would help stop, or at least slow down, the human destruction of our planet?

It doesn’t have to be a big thing. For example, you might decide to start carrying a reusable canvas bag to the grocery store instead of using a paper or plastic one each time. If you shop once weekly, that’s 50 bags a year that will not be used and thrown in a landfill.

You might decide to walk rather than drive to do errands, or carpool to work, or ride a bicycle whenever possible. Each of these choices to reduce our dependency on fuels that harm our planet — our home — makes an incremental difference.

Another easy way to make a difference is finding out which products you use are safer, and then making a commitment to use those rather than more toxic options.

Learning more about global issues may strike some of us as dull and dry, but only insofar as survival itself is occasionally dull and dry.

If we do not figure out a better way to resolve conflict than determining which side can kill the most, we will do just that — kill the most.

And if we don’t as voters know which people support the insanity and which ones are trying to stop it, then we are definitely part of the problem.

Ultimately, we can only be as healthy as the place we live in, and if we’re not part of keeping it healthy on this planet, we’re undoubtedly part of keeping it dirty and endangered. And that’s not in anybody’s best interests.

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program offers services to older adults and those who care for them. Aging Gracefully is one way we communicate with our community. We welcome ideas and feedback for this column at 642-9052 or sapbnp@bitstream.net.
A N M E R I C A N  L I F E  I N  P O E T R Y


Loss can defeat us or serve as the impetus for positive change.
Here, Sue Ellen Thompson of Connecticut shows us how to
mourn inevitable changes, tuck the memories away, then go on to
see the possibility of a new and promising chapter in one’s life.

No Children, No Pets

I bring the cat’s body home from the vet’s
in a running-shoe box held shut
with elastic bands. Then I clean
the corners where she has eaten and slept, scrubbing the hard bits of food
from the baseboard, dumping the litter and
blasting the pan with a hose. The plastic
dishes I hide in the basement, the pee-soaked towel I put in the trash. I put
the catnip mouse in the box and I put
the box away, too, in a deep
dirt drawer in the earth.

When the death-energy leaves me,
I go to the room where my daughter slept
in nursery school, grammar school, high school,
I lie on her milky bedspread and think
of the day I left her at college, how nothing
could keep me from gouging the melted candle-wax
out from between her floorboards,
or taking a razor blade to the decal
that said to the firemen, “Break
this window first.” I close my eyes now
and enter a place that’s clearly
expecting me, swaddled in loss
and then losing that, too, as I move
from room to bone-white room
in the house of the rest of my life.


Please join us on Tuesday January 9th at 7 p.m.
as Anthony Signorelli reads from his book,
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Monday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
Micawber’s Probers’ Book
Group. Discussion continues on
“Collapse: How Societies Choose
to Fail or Succeed,” by Jared
Diamond. This month: Part 4,
“Practical Lessons.” All welcome.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Library Book
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January 11, 7 pm

Jessie Veeder
January 12, 8 pm

My Ladies Cutlass
January 19, 8 pm

Open mic with Bill Hammond
January 21, 6 pm

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January 25, 7 pm

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Happy 2007!
January Calendar

1 Monday
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Every Monday.
- Creative movement classes start at Langford Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Murray Jr. High.
- District 10 board meeting. Call 644-3869 for details.

2 Tuesday
- Internet training at St. Anthony Park Library, 7-8:30 p.m. Drop in anytime for tips on Web sites, e-mail and more. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (643-5688), 10:30 a.m.-noon. Every Tuesday.
- Science Fair Project judging, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Preregistration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to preregister.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Board of Directors meeting, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m. Thursday.
- Creative movement classes start at Langford Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.

3 Wednesday
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Leslie Manionaus, every Monday. Every Wednesday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Black Nurses Network, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon.
- St. Anthony Park recycling, Every Wednesday.

4 Thursday
- Toastmasters (641-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Federal Ave., St. Paul, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Every Thursday.
- Chair exercise classes at St. Anthony Park Community Center, 890 Cromwell, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Tuesday.
- Internet training at St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Science Fair Open House and project displays for parents and the community, 6:30-8 p.m. at Murray Jr. High.

5 Friday
- Senior Citizens Fun Group (pm, bowling, and dinner), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 4:15-6:15 p.m. Every Friday.
- Pilates classes start at Langford Park Rec Center, 4:30-5:30 p.m., ages 5-7, $45, 8 sessions.

6 Saturday
- Science Fair Paper judging, 4-6 p.m. at Murray Jr. High. Voluntary judges needed. Call Gail Nakanishi: 293-8740.
- "Friendship Bracelets" classes start at Langford Park Rec Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m., ages 8-12, $5, 4 sessions.

7 Thursday
- "Creative Movement Classes start at Langford Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- "Karate: Soo Bahk Do" classes start at Langford Park Rec Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m., ages 6 to adult, $75, 8 sessions.
- Science Fair Open House and project displays for parents and the community, 6:30-8 p.m. at Murray Jr. High.

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10 Wednesday
- Neighborhood Planning meeting, 7 p.m. All are welcome. Condo and Bungalow Manor homes, 1400 Hyde, 644-9431.
- "Karate: Soo Bahk Do" classes start at Langford Park Rec Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m., ages 5-7, $45, 8 sessions.

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Margaret Englund
Margaret M. Englund, age 91, died December 9, 2006. She was born June 29, 1915, in New York, N.Y. She traveled to Minnesota on the Orphan Train and was adopted by William and Maggie (nee McNey) Murphy.

They were active charter members of Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Her greatest joy was being a mother and grandmother.

Margaret is survived by her six children, Thomas (Patricia) of Mankato, Minn.; William (Catherine) of Stillwater; Peggy (David) Kohner of St. Paul; Susan (David) Base of San Pedro, Calif.; Nancy (John) Vincent of St. Paul and Michael (Catherine) of Larkspur, Colo. She leaves behind 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, December 13, at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park, with internment at Calvary Cemetery.

Patrick Grames
Patrick H. Grames, age 80, died November 17, 2006, at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Shivers; children, Bill (Karen), Peter (Sally), Ian, and Kary Anderson; step-children, Mark (Jan) Shivers, John (Paula) Shivers and Deb (Kevin) Von Riedel; and 17 grandchildren.

Grames was preceded in death by first wife, Mildred, and son, Michael.

Pat worked as a mining engineer for 35 years with Erie Mining Company in Hoyt Lakes, Minn.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated November 22, 2006, at Church of St. Cecilia, with burial at Forest Hill Cemetery, Aurora, Minn.

Sharon Gredvig
Sharon Gail Gredvig, age 66, died November 24, 2006, after a four-year battle with cancer. She was a Como Park native and most recently lived in Shoreview and Cable, Wis.

She was a former Minnesota Jr. Amateur Golf Champion and taught physical education at St. Paul Johnson High School for 36 years. Her passions were golfing, family and her home in Cable.

Sharon was a former member of the Women’s Como Golf Club, where she was club champion, volunteer of the year for Telemark Interval Owners Association and a board member of the Telemark Educational Foundation.

She is survived by her mother, Esther Gredvig-Wolf; sisters, Annette Dawson and Lois (Larry) Cohrt; brother, Ted; and 17 grandchildren.

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Gordon Goodrich
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He is survived by his wife, Germaine “Geri”; children, Rita (Don) and Edwin Goodrich; grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Alfreida (Clyde) Johnson of Park Rapids, Minn., and sister-in-law Eileen (Clyde) Johnson of Park Rapids, Minn., and sister-in-law Eileen Knaat of Madison, Minn.

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Sharon was enthusiastic about life and contributed in many ways to the communities in which she lived. She was a board member and president of the Telemark Educational Foundation, also president of the Women’s Como Golf Club, where she was club champion, volunteer of the year for Telemark Interval Owners Association and a board member of the Telemark Educational Foundation.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester. Her funeral service was held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on December 13, 2006, with interment at Samet Memorial Cemetery.

William John
William J. John, age 86, of Lauderdale, died December 6, 2006.

were retired from the Ford Motor Company. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Josephine (nee Kline); daughters, Jacqueline (C. Douglas) Eikenberry and Jennifer (James) Fischer; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Virginia Nelson and Arlene Lechzar, and his sister-in-law, Ann Boog, also survive him.

His funeral service was December 8, 2006, at Grace Church of Roseville, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Raymond Kim
Raymond (Mysong Sik) Kim, age 66, died peacefully and surrounded by family on November 27, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Pearl (Ok Cha); children, Janice, Daniel Sr., Gregory and Sophia; four grandchildren and other family.

The service was held December 2, 2006, at the Church of St. Andrew Kim, with interment at Resturrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights.

Judith Murphy
Judith A. “Judi” Murphy, age 69, of Lauderdale, died unexpectedly on November 26, 2006.

She was a breast cancer survivor and had a lifelong dedication to animal rescue and welfare. She is survived by her children, Craig (Brenda), Kim (Dave) Wojack and Kelly Cappellani (Todd Markouan); three grandchildren; sister, Gail Strain; beloved “fur babies,” Mr. Amory and Lynx; special friend, Carol Kough and many other friends.

A memorial service to celebrate Judi’s life was held December 1, 2006, at Roseville Memorial Chapel.

Rose Reynolds
Rose Marie Reynolds, age 83, of Lauderdale, died December 2, 2006. In September, Rose and her husband, Warren, celebrated their 50th anniversary as residents of Lauderdale, just short of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Rose was born in the small coal-mining town of Fernie, British Columbia. In her early 20s, she moved to Vancouver, where she studied practical nursing. She married Warren Reynolds on September 4, 1946, and they moved to Minneapolis in 1950, where he began work on his Ph.D. in chemistry. Rose worked for a time in the psychiatric ward at what was then Cuddihen Valley Hospital, but then became a full-time homemaker after her sons were born. She enjoyed playing bridge.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sons, Allan (Joan), Larry and Michael (Dee); and four grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated December 15 at the Church of Corpus Christi, Roseville, with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Tim Peterson
Tim W. Peterson died on November 19, 2006, at age 57. He grew up in St. Anthony Park, but lived recently in Arden Hills. He is survived by his mother, Karen; sister, Sonja; children, Alesha, Tony, Nicole and Kenny; and two grandchildren.

His funeral service was held November 28, 2006, at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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Judith Wick
Judith L. (Ranum) Wick, age 63, of Como Park, died November 19, 2006. She is survived by a brother, James H. (Jane) Ranum, and was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell.

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